

Clearwater Soil and Water Conservation District

Fact Sheet

General Information: The Clearwater Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1946 to provide educational, technical and financial assistance to local landowners and operators, to conserve soil, water and related natural resources. Forest land in Clearwater County makes up 94% of the total acres.

Mission, Vision or Function:

Our Vision: Productive and sustainable natural resources in harmony with an elevated land stewardship ethic of the people.

Our Mission: Provide local leadership to educate and assist the public on wise stewardship and management of soil, water, air, plant and animal resources, and to promote strong conservation partnerships to find practical, economical solutions to natural resources problems and coordinate their implementation.

FY 2015 Accomplishments:

- Completed the second and third of three Snake River Basin Adjudication grants implementing forest BMP's to improve water quality, fish passage, and sediment reduction to Class I and II receiving waters of the NF Clearwater River and Lolo Creek watersheds. The forest BMP implementation efforts consisted of forest road obliteration and/or abandonment, culvert upgrades, bridge installations and road blocking.
- Completed forestry BMPs to improve water quality, fisheries and sediment reduction on Whiskey Creek.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Address priority stream resource concerns.
- Provide an investment grade engineering design for a woody biomass renewable energy project in the community.
- To actively coordinate with the County "Hazard Mitigation" team to develop and promote a "Fire Wise Program" and evaluate "Flood

Control" measures as well as identify potential land slide locations in the community.



FY 2015 District Funding:

State Funding	\$36,120
Local Funding	\$10,000
Corporate Donation	\$10,000
Grant Income	\$562,737
Total	\$618,857